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SENATE BILL NO. 204

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS YECKEL, GOODE AND GROSS.

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Read 2nd time January 22, 2003, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Reported from the Committee March 10, 2003, with recommendation that the bill do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Taken up March 31, 2003. Read 3rd time and placed upon its final passage; bill passed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to educational service agencies.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.071, to read as follows:

- 160.071. 1. A school district or districts as authorized pursuant to this chapter may designate an educational service agency for the purpose of developing, managing, and providing instructional services or programs to the participating district or districts.
- 2. Designation of the educational service agency shall be by contract authorized by the boards of education of the participating districts and shall operate pursuant to standards adopted by the state board of education.
- 3. An educational service agency shall be organized as a nonprofit corporation as provided in chapter 355, RSMo, with the method of selection of officers pursuant to section 355.326, RSMo.
- 4. An educational service agency shall be considered a political subdivision of the state as defined in section 105.450, RSMo, with the governing board and employees

subject to the conflict of interest prohibitions provided in chapter 105, RSMo.

- 5. Meetings of the governing board of the educational service agency shall be subject to the provisions of sections 610.010 to 610.030, RSMo.
- 6. Nothing in this section shall relieve any participating school district from any assurance or requirement upon which funding is received by the educational service agency.

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